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1. Forwarded herewith as attachments are the following

These reports tell of the lack of financial backing of the 2nd AF, of the refusal of Bean to finance the group, and of the group's lack of aid.

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4. Attachment C, paragraph 5. GELRE-HAUSSEN's magnanimous agreement to accept U.S. financing, were it offered, stems from desperation rather than heroism. As yet, he can find no one to back his project and is exploring all possibilities. Gleason instructed () to inform GELRE-HAUSSEN that his office, an Army channel, cannot aid in or arrange for U. S. financial backing of anyone. ()

5. [redacted] are inclined to oppose the views of von MEYER, and support those of GILS-NAUSSEN. Their report could be read in this light. The evaluations on the reports were made by the respective sources, and should be disregarded.

Enclosures: A. [redacted] report #39-10-53
B. [redacted] report #43-10-53
C. [redacted] report #13-12-53

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26 October 1953

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Subject : Conference with Gerhard GELBE-HAUSSEN.

Date Received : 5 October 1953

Source : 1-A-3 (direct coverage)

Evaluation : B-2

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1. On 5 October a conference took place between 1-A-3 and Gerhard GELBE-HAUSSEN in the latter's office, located in the building of the Stuttgarter Radio radio network, STUTTGART, Neckarstrasse 145.
 2. As to the continuation of activities of the East-European Working Circle (Arbeitskreis Osteuropa), which were interrupted as early as July 1953, GELBE-HAUSSEN stated the following: He will continue the work only after a clear comment on the Working Circle has been received from the Bonn Foreign Office. GELBE-HAUSSEN emphasized that the Circle originated from an unofficial small initiative and, during the course of 1 1/2 years, developed from an experiment into a noteworthy political factor; and that, due to the political significance achieved by the Working Circle, it is impossible to continue the latter without current adaptation to the Foreign Office and the latter's moral support, though only unofficially. GELBE-HAUSSEN also stressed that the financial side of the Working Circle must now be clarified; until Summer 1953, he used funds which had been made available to him in 1952 by H. HILDE, superintendent of the Stuttgarter Radio, but now these funds have been completely exhausted. (L. H. H.)
 3. To secure truly serious work, he needs approximately 2,000 RM per month for the Working Circle, i.e. an annual budget of approximately 20,000 - 25,000 RM. GELBE-HAUSSEN also declared that he could no longer direct the Working Circle merely on the side, i.e. in addition to his other work with the radio station. According to GELBE-HAUSSEN, it is also necessary to hire a good secretary exclusively for the Working Circle; and, apart from a large amount of purely administrative and technical work, it is indispensable to evaluate the conclusions of lectures and discussions and to make pertinent publications at a later date. GELBE-HAUSSEN considered evaluation activities as especially important. In this connection he emphasized that activities of the Working Circle entail much conclusive knowledge and many new ideas which may be of the greatest interest to Federal Security agencies dealing with East-questions.

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4. GELBE-HAUSSEN submitted the Foreign Office an exposé with his suggestions for the future activities of the Working Circle, as well as an annual estimate cost within the frame of approximately 25,000 RM. However, he is not very optimistic as to a favorable answer by the Foreign Office since he believes that the East-specialists of the "old guard", who do not favor the Circle, exert an essential influence in Bonn. According to GELBE-HAUSSEN, the Ministry for All-German Questions and the Federal Center for Home Protection (Bundeszentrale fuer Heimatsschutz) have shown interest in the Working Circle, however, he does not consider the two offices as competent enough to direct serious work in the field of Eastern policies. Circles of German scientific East-research are interested in continuation of the Working Circle only conditionally, without being able or willing to give concrete support.

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Attachment B

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SECURITY INFORMATION 27 October 1953

Subject: East-European Working Circle at the Stettin Radio Network

Date Received: 20 October 1953

Source: 1-A-3

Sub-Source: L 3

Evaluation: 1-2

Reference: Report #33-10-53

1. According to information from Eberhard GELBE-HAUSSEN, head of the East-European Working Circle (Arbeitskreis Osteuropa) at the Stettin Radio Network (North German Radio network), to sub-source, the former received a letter from the Foreign Office on 15 October containing the refusal to financially support and assume sponsorship of the Working Circle.

2. As far as GELBE-HAUSSEN knows, circles of the Foreign Office (Notes: presumably Prof. Gerhard von WEDE, Ministerialdirektor BRUNNEN, and WILHELM, fnr) use, among other factors, the argument against him that he is supposedly an advocate of the so-called "policy of VERSAILLES", i.e. of the political division of EUROPE pursuant to the VERSAILLES peace treaty after the First World War.

Source Comments: The peace treaty of VERSAILLES created numerous national states in EUROPE due to the dismemberment of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and the separation of territories from GERMANY. German national circles still hold strong resentments against the so-called "Dictation of VERSAILLES". GELBE-HAUSSEN considers the East-European nationalities as substantial and equally entitled factors of a future European policy. He thus contradicts the political conception, still widely held in GERMANY, that Eastern EUROPE is a future German "sphere of influence".

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Attachment C

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Subject : GERMAN POLITICAL SCENE IN STUTTGART

Date Received : 6 October 1953

Source : A-C-2

Sub-Source : Gerhard GIERHARDT, head of the Arbeitskreis

Evaluation : B-3

1. On 6 October 1953, Sub-source told Source that he has been informed that competent German authorities in BOM cannot comply with his request for financial assistance of the Arbeitskreis for the time being. Since Sub-source considers the activities of the Arbeitskreis especially necessary to the interest of German politics, he attempted to find out the reasons for BOM's refusal. Sub-source learned that certain German circles feel inconvenienced at the existence of the Arbeitskreis. Sub-source felt that this impression was confirmed by the repeated requests from BOM during the past months to report on alleged scenes of turmoil at Arbeitskreis sessions. In reality, these scenes had never taken place, indicating that false reports of the Arbeitskreis had reached BOM. Also, Sub-source's letters to BOM in which he requested political advice, have remained unanswered for weeks and months.
2. Sub-source's investigations revealed that during the past months Prof. Gerhard von HEINE, DUESSELDORF, reportedly adopted a very negative attitude, bordering on open enmity, toward the Arbeitskreis in STUTTGART. Sub-source's explanation for this attitude follows: Young German politicians, who are not contaminated with a Nazi background, show interest in East-European matters. They (Sub-source includes himself) want their new group to take shape independently of the "old guard". That is, they want to be independent of the German specialists for East-European matters from the HEIMANN and ROSENBERG era. Sub-source is of the opinion that the new German specialists for Eastern EUROPE must be born with a new spirit, free of Nazi influence and German arrogance. The young Germans, however, do not have the experience in East-European affairs the "old guard" has. Sub-source feels, however, that the Arbeitskreis offers the possibility to gather the necessary experience. The representatives of the "old guard" apparently disagree with this point-of-view, since they claim to be the only experts to be consulted in matters of German politics.

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